

## § 68.31

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### § 68.31 Vessel eligibility requirements for limited coastwise endorsement.

(a) A vessel must comply with all the requirements of part 67 of this chapter, other than citizenship requirements, in order to be eligible for documentation under this subpart.

(b) Notwithstanding 46 U.S.C. App. 883, a vessel remains eligible for documentation under this subpart even if the vessel was formerly owned by a not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative or by one or more members of a not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative and the vessel meets the criteria of § 68.29.

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### § 68.33 Privileges of a limited coastwise endorsement.

(a) A vessel which is documented and issued a limited coastwise endorsement under this subpart may operate on the navigable waters of the United States or in the EEZ in coastwise trade only for the following purposes:

(1) To recover oil discharged into the water.

(2) To transport oil discharged into the water.

(3) To transport and deploy equipment, supplies, and personnel for recovering and transporting oil discharged into the water.

(4) To conduct training exercises to prepare for performing the functions in paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this section.

(b) This limited coastwise endorsement also entitles the vessel to any other employment for which a registry, fishery, or Great Lakes license is not required.

(c) A vessel which is documented and issued a limited coastwise endorsement under this subpart may qualify to operate for other purposes by meeting the applicable requirements of part 67 of this chapter.

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### § 68.35 Application to document a vessel under this subpart.

(a) To qualify to document a vessel or to accept the dedication of a vessel

by a member or members under this subpart, a not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative shall file with the Director, National Vessel Documentation Center the certificate under oath as set forth in appendix A to this subpart.

(b) Upon the filing of the certificate under paragraph (a) of this section, the Director, National Vessel Documentation Center will furnish the not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative with a letter of qualification. The letter of qualification is valid for a period of three years from the date of its issuance, unless there is a change in membership or structure of the not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative or a change in the citizenship status of any of its members requiring a report under § 68.37. In order to renew the letter of qualification, a new certificate under oath must be filed with the Commandant at least 30 days before the date of expiration of the letter of qualification.

(c) A not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative seeking to document a vessel for a limited coastwise endorsement under this subpart, in addition to complying with the requirements of § 68.31(a), shall supply to the National Vessel Documentation Center, a copy of the letter of qualification issued under paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) A member or members of a not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative seeking to document a vessel under this subpart shall supply to the National Vessel Documentation Center, a copy of the letter of qualification issued under paragraph (b) of this section to the not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative to which the vessel is dedicated. In addition, the not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative and the vessel owners shall all certify under oath that the vessel for which application is made is dedicated to use by the not-for-profit oil spill response cooperative. This certification must use the format and content described in appendix B to this subpart. If there is a change in the dedicated status of